

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph no. 0001 (beginning at page 1, line 6 of the instant patent application) with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0001] The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Pat. Appl. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
60/473,360 (~~Attorney Docket No. 040130-050000~~), entitled "FOOTWEAR PIECES AND  
METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING SUCH," filed May 23, 2003 and assigned to an entity  
common herewith; and U.S. Provisional Pat. Appl. No. \_\_\_\_\_ 60/473,371 (~~Attorney  
Docket No. 040130-051000~~), entitled "METHODS AND COMPOSITES FOR  
MANUFACTURING FOOTWEAR PIECES," also filed May 23, 2003 and assigned to an entity  
common herewith. Further, the present application is related to U.S. Pat. Appl. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
10/602,416 (~~Attorney Docket No. 040130-050010~~), entitled "FOOTWEAR PIECES AND  
METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING SUCH", filed on a date even herewith and assigned to  
an entity common herewith. The entirety of each of the aforementioned patent applications are  
incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.--